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Write it 1909.

WHICH SMITH?

At the recent meeting of the State Irrigation Association held at Baker City someone proposed that one law be enacted governing the use of water for Eastern Oregon and a different law for Western Oregon, and gave as a reason for the two laws that east of the mountains water was needed for irrigation and west of the mountains it was only used for mining. There was considerable opposition to the plan and a gentleman present stated that there were irrigation projects in the Willamette Valley and in the Rogue River Valley. A gentleman by the name of Smith stepped up and said that he was from Grants Pass and knew all about irrigation project and that there wasn't any need of water for irrigation, and further that the company was only an aggregation of speculators who had visions of getting rich by their venture. The question arises, who is this fellow Smith who has such an opinion of the one hundred and more farmers and business men who have subscribed for from 50 to 100 shares of the stock of the Josephine County Irrigation and Power Co. Could it possibly be our Bob?

A POOR EXCUSE.

Some of those who were very much pained when Grants Pass went "dry" are now professing to be sorry to the taxpayers because of the slight increase of taxation, and try to make out that the reason is because there are no saloons to pay the taxes. Nobody takes such talk seriously, and if they did it would only be necessary to go as far as Medford to prove the absurdity of it. The city tax at Grants Pass for the coming year has been fixed at 8 mills, at Medford it has been fixed at 17 1/2 mills, and at Ashland at 14 mills. Thus, we see, that of the three important places in the Rogue River Valley the taxes at Grants Pass are the lightest. Medford's heavy tax of 17 1/2 mills must be because there are saloons there. But what's the use of such twaddle? The majority of the residents of this city would be willing to double the amount of the taxes paid to be rid of the saloons, and no amount of whining will cause them to vote them back again.

A terrible catastrophe has overtaken the southwestern extremity of Italy, in the shape of an earthquake and tidal wave. Fully one hundred thousand lives were lost and property beyond calculation destroyed. Aid is being rendered the stricken people by practically all the nations of the world.

Begin the New Year by ceasing to lay all the blame for the apparent non-enforcement of the prohibition law onto the officers of the city and county, and each person do their part, by promptly making a complaint whenever a violation is known.

Finch, the Portland murderer was found guilty and will now take up his abode in Murderer's Row.

The Courier wishes all of its readers a prosperous and happy New Year.

Make a New Year's resolution to quit knocking and go to boosting and stay with it.

for men who toil
Levi Strauss & Co's
Copper Riveted Overalls
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Mrs. J. H. Ward and daughters, of Galice, are spending the holidays in Grants Pass, and will remain here for the next week or ten days.

MERLIN AS A MINING CENTER
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nothing else to lure the miner away, Merlin would have been known the world over for its copper and gold, but with the lumber camps and orchards constantly calling for help, the miner takes the responsibility of a grub-stake on his own shoulders and things which will furnish immediate results, thus delaying that which he hopes most to accomplish. The time is not far distant when capital will be attracted to this district. Already some flattering offers have been made for certain properties, and it is hoped that ere long a deal will come up in which the buyer and seller will meet on a satisfactory basis. When, look out, for there'll be something doing in Merlina.

Of Local Interest Only

Chas. E. Short, who might be said to constitute our local Push Club, spent a couple of days in Medford the past week and reports much interest being manifested in Merlina matters in that thriving burg. Among the good things he tells us of is that Dr. Reddy, Medford's boasting Mayor, in a conversation at the Nash Hotel, said: "If I was going to plant an orchard for myself, with the idea of making money out of it, I would go to Merlina, for the land there is much cheaper and freer from frost." Dr. Reddy is not a stranger to the Merlina district and knows that as far as quality and quantity are concerned our fruits equal those of this district, and his unqualified endorsement of our district affords us considerable satisfaction. If we could get a few men like Reddy in Merlina, wouldn't there be something doing?

Merlina is probably the only town in the state where a manufacturing industry is unable to purchase a site. The townsite company absolutely refuses to take money from anything of this nature. "Whatever you need you can have free," is the way it answers inquirers. It has an exceptionally good site for a creamery which it is more than anxious to get rid of, and has offered to throw in a good-sized chromo printed on green paper to anyone who will take it.

W. H. Jackson, a druggist of Medford, has announced his intention of coming to Merlina and a local contractor is planning a suitable building. It will be two stories, with rooms for a doctor on the second floor. We have not yet located our physician, but he will be here by the time the drug stock is opened up, which will be about the first of February. You will notice that Medford has got started towards Merlina. Those fellows know a good thing and are not slow to act when they are shown. With a drug store, barber shop, restaurant and temperance saloon conducted by former Medfordites, all of them locating within a few weeks, Merlina may catch the Medford spirit, then there'll be something doing.

Wm. M. Richards, who was burned out about a month ago, has commenced the construction of a new building. He will erect a structure suitable for a lodging house on Cen-

ter Avenue, facing the depot. He expects to devote the greater portion of his time to his mining interests in the future.

That the Merlina district is in a prosperous condition is evidenced by the many fine houses being put up by our farmer friends. A trip over the Upper Ferry road takes one past several residences that would be a credit to a city, the latest addition to this list being the new three-story dwelling of A. C. Ford, one of our peach kings, which is now nearing completion. Mr. Ford has done much to make Merlina famous, having been for years one of our principal peach shippers. He is one of the kind who think as well as work, and that he has confidence in the future is shown by the large acreage he is putting out to new trees. His new house is located on his latest purchase of 80 acres adjoining the Everton orchard, which he is rapidly changing from brush land to an income-producing proposition.

Weatherwax & Hull are doing some active development work on the Eagle mine, four miles north-east of Merlina. Garr Weatherwax came in Saturday for supplies and reports that they are getting out some very rich rock. It is a free-milling proposition and they have two ledges that show an average of \$80 per ton. A large 10-foot vein of base ore runs over \$5. They have five claims, easy of access and covered with good timber and have already completed over 600 feet of tunnel. From the persistent manner with which they have continued work here can be no doubt of their confidence in the future of their property.

The Oriole, Cory Mattison's mine at Galice, has again commenced the shipment of ore. Probably no mine in the whole district has made a better showing than the Oriole, and no mine is spoken of more highly by the men who work in the tunnel.

T. E. Gilmore, our station agent, is the proud possessor of a new son which made its advent into the family on the 28th.

The need of greater hotel facilities in Merlina was demonstrated Tuesday evening when men and women were seen canvassing every private house in town looking for a place to sleep. Every available bed was occupied and many a man had to be satisfied to sleep on the floor. One private house made room for nine of the outsiders.

R. L. Coe and son Albert spent Wednesday night in Merlina looking after business matters. Mr. Coe is a far-seeing business man and we would not be surprised to see him open up a business establishment in the town where there is to be something doing very soon.

Mr. H. M. Chapin, Jr., who is operating the Hammersly mine under lease, passed through Merlina Tuesday. He reports having opened up 50 feet of new tunnel this fall and uncovering two 12-inch ledges of very high grade ore. This is a free milling proposition and the showing means much for the prosperity of the Merlina district.

Harry Messler went up to Medford Wednesday to try and interest his friends in some of the big things he has found in this vicinity.

J. R. McGilliard is contemplating the construction of a cottage near his livery stable. Just what he is going to do with it is a matter of much conjecture. Some of the boys think he is the party who gets his mail from "Box 85" (see Courier classified ads.)

Aza Tyler has been confined to his bed by throat trouble this week.

Miss Grace Short is spending the holidays at home. She reports the Grants Pass high school in excellent condition.

The masquerade ball given by the Modern Woodmen on Christmas night was a great success. All the younger generation and many of the older, turned out and enjoyed themselves to the limit.

Tom Turner, one of our thrifty farmers, who last week added to his livestock by the purchase of the Merlina flock of goats, has this week increased the number of his family by adding two kids. They made their appearance Wednesday and are as hearty a pair of twin boys as can be found in Southern Oregon.

Adam Schaffer has been as busy as a hen with one chick this week, getting ready to remodel his building into a lodging house and restaurant. W. E. Crandell has leased it for a term of two years.

J. A. Wise, one of our substantial farmers of the Quartz Creek district, died Thursday morning at the age of 68 years. He leaves a large family of grown-up children and a host of friends. He was one of the energetic old-timers, and of late was paying particular attention to dairying, having recently purchased several thoroughbred Jersey cows.

Master Fay Caldwell on Christmas day entertained his teacher, Mrs. Zoa Bryant, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Caldwell.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

NEW TODAY.

OFFICE Rooms in the Courier building for rent. Apply to A. E. Voorhies.

FIVE ROOM cottage, 816 N 7th St., for rent. Inquire J. L. Scoville, 850 N 7th. 1-1 2t

LOST—Last Saturday a gold and onyx Knight Templar charm. Reward if returned to this office. 1-1 1t

WANTED—Second-hand quartz mill five to 20 stamps—will pay cash, give full particulars in first letter. Potlette Mining Co., Suite 3, Raleigh Bldg., Portland, Oregon. 1-1 2t

WANTED—Five purchasers for shares in the Grants Pass Tennis Club court, also for 10 social memberships. Inquire of W. C. Long. 1-1 1t

FOR SALE—Household goods and piano. House will be for rent after January 15th. Mrs. J. C. Lucas, 8th and D streets. 1-1 1t

WANTED—An energetic man or man and wife to take hold of a good small business—everything furnished complete ready to go to work. No experience necessary. Can make \$5 to \$10 per day. Address T. T. care Courier. 1-1-1t

FOR SALE—Fresh milk cow, \$35. Inquire of Best-Fuller Realty Co.

ELDERLY gentleman farmer wishes the acquaintance of middle aged lady matrimonially inclined. J. R., Box 103, Grants Pass. 1-1-1t

Window glass at Hair-Riddle's.

FOR SALE

FRESH milk cows for sale, \$30. J. H. Robinson. 1 2-25-2t

PUREBRED Brown Leghorn cockrels, \$1. First prize won at both Fairs. J. H. Robinson. 12-25-2t

FOR SALE—90 choice lots in the Nelson addition to Grants Pass for the small sum of \$3500 if taken in the next few days. Address Mary Staples, 206 9th Ave., Lents, Ore. 12-25-4t

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FOR SALE—3 first class milk cows, cheap; tw fresh. Inquire Alonzo Jones, Phone 81X1, Fruitdale. 12-25-2t

POLAND CHINA pigs, weaning age, \$5, breeding age \$10, registered Stock, winner of all first prizes at District fair. J. H. Robinson, R. F. D. No. 2, Grants Pass. 12-25-2t

FOR SALE—102 head of sheep, 40 head goats, all first-class. Will take \$4 per head all round. P. F. Swayne, Phone 506 Farmers Grants Pass, R F D No. 2. 12-11 1t.

4-ROOM Bungalow and one acre ground, young family orchard, well, windmill and large tank giving water for domestic and irrigation purposes. Desirable location. The above property, including all household goods, for \$1,300, half cash, balance to suit.—E.W. Smalley, 725 N 10th St., City. 11-27-4t

DESIGNS, Cut flowers, potted plants, bulbs. Medford Greenhouse, phone 608. 11-8-4t

TIMBER claim for sale. The SE 1/4 of Sec. 18 Tp. 35 S, R 4 W, situated in Jackson county, 15 miles from Grants Pass. For information address Marie E. Hall, State Normal, Chico, Cal. 12-4-5t

FOR SALE—Good top phaeton buggy. Address P. O. Box 51, Grants Pass. 12-4-4t

FOR SALE—Gasoline engine, Work harness, plow, cultivators, spring wagon, carpenter's tools, No. 55 Stasley plane, log chain, small heating stove, bedstead and springs, some chairs and other household articles.—W. C. Dodge, 81 N 10th St. 11-27-4t

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FREE—Our new 1909 catalogue of sheet music—1400 vocal and instrumental selections selling at 10 cents. Ask for it Rowell's Music Store. 12-25-2t

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WANTED—Students to prepare for stenographic work, day or evening. Address Mrs. P. Ritner, City. 12-11 3t

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FOR RENT—A new bungalow; 7 rooms; electric light, bath and

toilet. Inquire 412 Clark and B streets. 12-18-4t

FOR RENT—Everitt Gallery on H. St., east of Layton hotel. Suitable for gallery or dwelling. Inquire of R. K. Hackett at First National Bank. 11-27-4t

LOST.

GRIP—One small hand grip lost Tuesday between Applegate store and Murphy. Return to this office and receive reward. 12-18-2t

LOST—6-in. Gurley compass on the Merlina road. Finder leave at this office and receive \$5 reward. 11-26-4t.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PAGE FENCE—The largest single

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